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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cohen (US 6,501,739).
2. In regards to claims 1, 13, 30, 40, and 51, Cohen discloses a method and system for conducting a conference call between two or more participants (Fig. 1 and col. 5 lines 32-40), comprising: receiving an indication of a request for text from a participant of the conference call (col. 7 lines 7-15 and col. 9-10 lines 63-8); in response to the indication from the participant, converting any speech of the other participants of the conference call into text; and sending the text to a device (computers 16 and communicators 10) associated with the participant from which the indication of a request for text was received, the device capable to display the text (col. 7 lines 7-15).
3. In regards to claims 2, 16, 31, and 41, Cohen discloses the method and system, further comprising sending the identity of each participant of the conference call to the

device, wherein the identity is associated with the text associated with the speech of each participant (col. 8 lines 4-28).

4. In regards to claims 3, 17, and 32, Cohen discloses the method and system, further comprising encrypting the text (col. 3 lines 41-57 and col. 7 lines 7-15).

5. In regards to claims 4, 18, and 33, Cohen discloses the method and system, further comprising sending to the device the speech corresponding to the text (col. 3 lines 51-57 and col. 7 lines 7-15).

6. In regards to claims 5, 19, 34, 39, and 44, Cohen discloses the method and system, wherein the text comprises a timestamp, the timestamp associating the text with speech corresponding to the text (col. 3 lines 51-57 and col. 7 lines 7-15).

7. In regards to claims 6, 20, and 21, Cohen discloses the method, further comprising recording the text at the device (col. 11 lines 56-65).

8. In regards to claims 7, 8, 23, 24, 52, and 53, Cohen discloses the method, wherein the indication of a request for text is received in response to a participant placing the conference call on hold (col. 6 lines 49-67 and col. 7 lines 7-15).

9. In regards to claims 9, 10, 25, 26, 54, and 55, Cohen discloses the method, wherein the indication of a request for text comprises an indication that a button (key) is depressed on a telephone associated with the participant requesting text (col. 7 lines 7-15 and col. 11-12 lines 66-20).

10. In regards to claims 11, 12, 27, 28, 38, and 46, Cohen discloses the method and system, wherein the indication of a request for text comprises an indication that the

participant requesting text is suppressing transmission of voice media packets to the participant requesting text (col. 9-10 lines 63-8).

11. In regards to claim 14, Cohen discloses the method, further comprising alerting the participant requesting text that a specific one of the other participants is speaking (col. 8 lines 56-67).

12. In regards to claims 15 and 29, Cohen discloses a method for conducting a conference call with a plurality of participants (Fig. 1 and col. 5 lines 32-40), comprising: determining the identity of each participant providing input to the conference call (col. 8 lines 4-28 and col. 8 lines 56-67); receiving an indication of a request for text from a participant of the conference call (col. 7 lines 7-15 and col. 9-10 lines 63-8); and response to receiving the indication of a request for text from the participant, sending the identity of each other participant of the conference call, when the respective other participant is speaking, to a device (computers 16 and communicators 10) associated with the participant from which the indication of a request for text was received, the device operable to display the identity of each participant (col. 8 lines 4-28 and col. 8 lines 56-67).

13. In regards to claims 22, 35, and 45, Cohen discloses the method and system, wherein recording the text and speech comprises recording the speech and text within a central storage unit (storage device 30) attached to the network (col. 11 lines 56-65).

14. In regards to claims 36, 47, 48, 49, and 50, Cohen discloses the system, wherein the device is a text display screen coupled to an Internet Protocol phone (communicators 10) (Fig. 1 and col. 5 lines 35-60).

15. In regards to claim 37, Cohen discloses the system, wherein the device is a computer (computers 16) (Fig. 1 and col. 5 lines 48-60).

16. In regards to claims 42 and 43, Cohen discloses the system, further comprising a communication means (communicators 10) for listening to the speech, the communication means coupled to the display means (computers 16) (Fig. 1 and col. 5 lines 35-60).

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hanson et al (US 6,457,045) teach a system and method for group choice making.


18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

19. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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